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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN OFFICIAL SEEKS GOP SUPPORT ON BELIZE

1. GUATEMALA'S ATLANTIC REGION MILITARY CHIEF, GENERAL RICARDO PERALTA MENDEZ, ARRIVED IN LIMA ON OCTOBER 20 TO INFORM FONMIN DE LA FLOR ABOUT "THE BELIZE SITUATION". HIS VISIT IS EXPECTED TO LAST THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

2. DURING AN AIRPORT INTERVIEW, PERALTA TOLD REPORTERS THAT U.S. MEDIATION IN THE BELIZE QUESTION HAD NOT PRODUCED THE DESIRED RESULTS AND GUATEMALA NOW HOPES TO RENEW DIRECT BILATERAL TALKS WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

3. PERALTA ALSO STRESSED GUATEMALA'S HISTORICAL CLAIM TO BELIZE AND SAID ITS RECOVERY WOULD PROVIDE GUATEMALA WITH A DIRECT ACCESS TO THE ATLANTIC. HE SAID REPORTS THAT BELIZIANS DO NOT WANT TO JOIN GUATEMALA DO NOT REFLECT THE TRUTH AND THAT AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE AS "SECTIONING (GUATEMALAN) TERRITORY."

4. COMMENT: FONOFF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEAD JAIME ALVAREZ
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CALDERON INFORMS US PERU'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO BELIZE IS

AS STATED IN THE "LIMA PROGRAMME" OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, WHICH CALLS FOR "THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BELIZE AND THE RIGHT OF ITS PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE." ALVAREZ CALDERON SAYS PERU'S POSITION IS THAT THE BELIZIANS SHOULD FREELY DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE. THUS, PERU WOULD NOT SUPPORT ABSORPTION BY GUATEMALA UNLESS THIS WAS WILL OF BELIZE POPULATION. PERALTA ATTENDED PERU'S SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOL IN 1959, HOWEVER, AND HE MAY BE BANKING ON PRESUMED "OLD BOY" CONNECTIONS AMONG PERU'S GENERALS TO ENLIST GOP SUPPORT FOR GUATEMALA'S TERRITORAL QUEST.
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